(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) to (c) Hyderabad airport has been notified as a Customs Airport for all exports and for import of certain specified items as also for clearance of passengers' baggage.

Bifurcation of the Supreme Court of India

1076. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI:
SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to bifurcate the Supreme Court of India; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) The Law Commission in its 125th Report had recommended that the Supreme Court may be split into a Constitutional Court and a Court of Appeal or a Federal Court of Appeal. The views of the Supreme Court have been sought in this regard.

Moga killings in Punjab

1077. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRI DEBA PRASAD RAY:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he visited the site of the recent carnage committed by the terrorists of Moga in Punjab; if so, what are the details of the incident; and

(b) what were his observations and Government's action thereto and what steps have been taken to apprehend the culprits and to meet with the situation arising out of renewed terrorist violence in and around Punjab and also in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir. According to information received from the Government of Punjab, on June 25, 1989, some unidentified terrorists fired indiscriminately on some workers of the R.S.S. in Nehru Park of Moga City in Faridkot district, resulting in the death of 19 persons on the spot and injuries to others. While fleeing, they shot and killed members of a family. When the local police reached the spot 2 bombs exploded resulting in the death of one constable and one Home Guard personnel.

(b) The Home Minister has condemned the incident. The terrorists group responsible for this shootout has been identified. One hard-core terrorist involved in this incident has since been killed in an encounter on 15-7-1989. Tight security measures have been ensured to check recurrence of such incidents. SSPs of districts have been asked to provide security cover to top leaders/workers of the RSS and the Shakhas in their respective districts. Security measures have also been tightened up in the Union Territory of Delhi.

Air Pollution

1078. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the main cause of air pollution in India

is due to excessive lead content in our petrol;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government propose to bring a legislation before Parliament to scrap old auto vehicles; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, gives the enabling power, empowering the Government to fix the age limit for different vehicles. Though this enabling provision exists, the Government of India have so far not taken any decision and have not issued any instructions for fixing the age limit of any type of vehicles.

Action against Industries causing Pollution

1079. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propoes to take a tough stand against industries which release their toxic effluents into the atmosphere polluting the environment; and

(b) what is the number of cases against industries booked and prosecuted for causing pollution during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONAND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to information furnished by States, the number of cases filed by the various Pollution Control Boards under the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution Act, 1974 and the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 during the preceding three years are 2386 and 594 respectively.

Eco-Task Force

1080. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether serious doubts have arisen over deployment of Defence personnel in Eco-Task Forces raised in 1982 as per the news item which appeared in the 'Times of India' of the 21st June, 1989; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to review the policy and hand over this activity to the Panchayats?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Setting up of a Diamond Park in Orissa

1081. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minster of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to set up some Diamond Parks in the country;

(b) if so, what is the number of Diamond Parks proposed to be set up at different places;

(c) whether Government propose to set up one such Park in Phulbani district of Orissa; and

(d) if not, which place has been identified in the State for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) No Sir. Howeve a Public Limited Co. known as the Diamond and Gem Development Corporation incorporated under Section-25 of the Indian Companies Act propose to set up Diamond Parks at Sachin in Surat, Jaipur and Haldwani in U.P.

(c) and (d) The Government of Orissa has stated that it has no proposal to set up Diamond Parks anywhere in that State.